An Index to the Condition of Trade Generally.

GOODS ARE MOVING OUT FREELY.

Business in the Territory Tributary to Houston-Interviews with a Few Representative Firms.

Office of The Post, Houston, Saturday, February 27, Continued encouraging conditions have been dominant in the Houston wholesale market during the week ending today. Interviews with the leading jobbers of the city bring out the fact that business generally in the large territory reached by market again within two weeks. Reports from Alvin and other points state that the merchants of this city is about all that could be expected. The demand for merchandise is steady, and goods are going into consumption as fast as they are sent out into the country. The retail trade all over tributary territory is firmly resolved to buy only as there is a demand for merchandise this year, and will not make any

rash purchases of future supplies.

The weather for the past two weeks has been very favorable and farm work has been rushed. A large acreage of corn has been planted, and the crop promises to be an early one. Cotton planting will begin next week, and in some sections of the State there will be an immense acreage devoted to this product. It is true the price at present is not up to farmers' expectations, but the outlook is encouraging for a scarcity of the staple this summer and higher quotations on both the old and the new crop. Even at 615 27c cotton is certainly a more profitable crop than corn at 16 cents or oats at 7 cents per bushelprices that have been paid for these grains in the Western States recently,

BUSINESS TALKS.

Short Interviews with a Few Repre-

H. D. Taylor & Sons Staple groceries have been in fairly active demand this Week, with only termaterial changes in 3 quotations. There is a more obserful teet-

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F. E. Jones-The Elgin butter market shows some weakness, and lower prices are green expected the coming were. The market for bus held quite steady at the this though some sales were made today to the particle for place A tool samp next week may be for quietations, but a continuation in processing a further decime will dealble as a further decime will dealble as to process and the particle for the par emes has held quite steady at

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W. D. Cleveland & Co.—There has been a steady improvement in the jobbing grees.

a steady improvement in the jobbing gene-ery trade during the month of February.

THE BUSINESS BAROMETER. bird fanciers. The situation in wire nails is unchanged, though agents write us that an advance may be expected at any moment. Ammunition is moving out freely. Shot has advanced 5c per sack.

Trade Notes. The Lion brand of rousted coffee bas seen reduced %c per pound. Advices from abroad note slight advances on special grades of rice.

There is a better feeling in the market for dried fruits, based upon the comparatively small stocks.

There is a large quantity of leomns affect for New York, but it is believed that the entire visible supply will be needed. Local fruit dealers have information to the effect that the Florida pineapple crup this year promises to be a good one and of fine quality.

receipts of molasses are now practically nothing, with all orders being filled from shed stocks, which are being rapidly re-

South Texas strawberries will be on the

HOUSTON PRICE CURRENT.

These quotations are revised daily and their correctness can be relied upon. The prices are those ruling in the Houston wholevale markets:

AXLE GREASE Diamond, 14.75 per gross, France, in in boxes, 13.8 per gross, Golden, Degue per dozen bores, castor of, 675,200c; Axeime, 1 lb tin, per lozen, 51.00 AMMUNITION—Powder, per keg. \$1.00;
solling powder, \$1.00 per keg, agents
oe drop shot, per sack \$1.30; buck \$1.50;
fACIN—SHOPT clear, boxed \$1.50.50;
fACIN—SHOPT clear, boxed \$1.50.50;
fak in less; breakfast, 75.05c, fry salt,
obs. New York salt hedits, \$1.20.75c,
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ING POWDER-Apex, 1 lb, \$2.00. H.E. & D. Her Veter J 1b, per our tyllo, Roy tyllo, for lain, One I the per dozen, \$2.40 tyllo, \$1.55, K.C. E or cann \$2.00 per dozen, Is oz. E. D. per cazen, Itoyal 16 B Don Bon, Ze oz. She 10 oz. 60c. 6

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tor oil, medical pure, \$1.00; turpentine, in bbls 35c. WHITE LEAD-Strictly pure, 64,65%c; standard white lead 45c; painters 3c. WINDOW GLASS-In baxes, 60 and 15 to 60 and 20 per cent discount, new list.

GRAIN AND HAY.

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Carload lots, job cars, from mills; dealers charge from store 5gilec more per 100 lbs on bran, 2g2c per bushel on oats and corn and logific per 100 lbs on hay.

BHAN—56570c
CHOPPED CORN—66c per 190 lbs.
CORN—156736c, sacked.
OATS—White Nebraska 274,528c.
HAY—Alfaira 312,50914.00, Per ton; millet 51200; timothy 512,00914.00, South Texas prairie 37.0914.00, North Texas prairie 37.0910.00, North Texas prairie 37.00, 100.00.00, North Texas prairie 37.00, North Texas prair

WIRE AND NAILS.

Barbed wire quotations are for carload in f.o.b. Houston. Nails are quoted in Smail lots.

BABHED WIRE—Glidden, gal. 32.30 per 100 lbs; bainted wire 12.05; Wattkegan to better than Glidden.

WIRE NAILS—fairs 22.15 per keg; at-vences, 104, 124 and 164, 5c; 54 and 36, 15c; 51 and 76, 5c; 44 and 64, 30c; 24, 45c; 24,

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

The leading futures raised as follows:
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MONEY AND INVESTMENTS.

Doings of a Day with Wall Street Operators.

A VERY DECIDED UPWARD MOVEMENT

Prices Were Higher and Trading Active-Railroads Came In for a Good Share of Speculation.

New York, February 27.—The London and New York stock markets yesterday and today have shown results like a chemical action and reaction. The strong upward movement which characterized the London price of American securities today and the London market again gave the tone to the opening dealings here. Yesterday's strength was continued in today's market. strength was continued in today's market and the bears found themselves unable to cope with the situation. There was indeed bank a notable absence of effort to stem the changes; course of prices, and the shorts were con-tent to get in under cover in face of the exception of a slight reaction shortly before the close due to profit taking over
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of the requirements of the 25 per cent marked upward tendency throughout the rule. day.

Apparently the determination of the Apparently the determination of the senate at Washington to continue to talk on Cuba has no further terrors for Wall street in the absence of any specific probability on the absence of any specific probability of the absence of the posal of an aggressive character before that body. The rise of prices was accompanied by a notable activity in trading 487% for demand and 48894.83% for skyl. that body. The rise of prices was accompanied by a notable activity in trading. The volume of the dealings was over three times as great as was the case on the half holiday last Saturday. It was noticeable also that the leding industrials sunk in relative importance in the dealings, for that they consumed considerably less than a third of the total dealings as against a The volume of the dealings was over three limes as great as was the case on the half of the category of the control of the control of the dealings was over three limes as great as was the case on the half of the category of the control of the category o

weeks that an upward movement of prices has survived anything more than a short fived covering of shorts.

Lake Shore attracted situation in today's market again with a love of 145 points to 1615. It reacted to 161 but at the close there was bid for the stack 162 i-s, while 155 was asked, in our of plans for the So was said to now of plans for the similar of a large amount of bonds to mature shortly and a resulting decrease in merest charges, from which it is expected to benefit, were the ranges of the advance. This age and Alton also rose if 14 and their high priced shares siffered considerable or numbers of and Tennessee Coal and Irm unjoyed the principal Lains in the active list and ended with an advantage of a point each over yesterday's close. The market should ac-dive and kirong with prices at about the host.

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stricted. It was multile also that were restricted. It was notable also that American scourifies were less affected on for-elem exchanges if an others by the unfavor-able political aspect in Europe. The widen-ling homorrism of the iron and sized trade has been differently noted in Wall street and the series of an encourage. earns of an encouraging nature in suches of industry and business, their favorable effect. The almost tremails favorable character of the re-

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WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT. New York, February 27.—The weekly bank statement shows the following Reserve, increase.....\$1,855,025

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COTTON MARKET REVIEW. ROOS.

cult to account for in the face of the heavy outstanding trade balance in our favor. The Hocking Vailey receivership, though expected, was a feature of the week and was an effect of the disastroes war in coal was an effect of the disastrocs war in coal rates waged by a number of Ohio companies with the result of throwing several of them into the hands of receivers. The assurance of a speedy reorganization was one ground for the improvement. The range of prices is higher on the week, the gains ranging from 1 to 5 in the leading shares, with Lake Shore and Convolidated Gas leading, the former with 4 1-2 and the latter with 5 points. Other gains were: Sugar 35s. To-bacco 3 3-8. To-bacco scrip 3 1-2. Leather preferred 1 2-4, Manhattan 1 3-4. American Spirits preferred 2, Illinois Steel 2 1-2.

The bond market during the week devel-Putures Advanced Ten Points in the American Markets.

SPOT COTTON AGAIN GOES HIGHER.

Large Sales at Liverpool and in All the Southern Markets-The Bulls Are Now in Control.

Office of The Post, Houston, Saturday, February 27.

Cotton continues to gain friends and there are now predictions of prices 1 to 2 cents higher. Two weeks ago bulls were throwing overboard May deliveries bought in New York at 6.75. Today they are scrambling to get them back 50 points higher. There were plenty of bears two days ago, when cotton was 14c cheaper. Now a bear is hard to find, except on the new crop deliveries. The fall months are being sold right and left, but very few operators are anxious to offer August cotton even at the sharp advance that has been recorded.

Some of the bulls took in profits today, causing prices to start off rather sluggishly, but this could not check the advancing tendency. By the close New York had added 9 or 10 points to the spring and summer months, while the fall deliveries advanced 6 points. New Orleans gained to points on the old crop and 5 to 6 on the distant positions. Liverpool started the improvement on this side, having opened up higher, although a slight decline was generally anticipated. Futures closed 1-64d@145-64d up, and spots gained 1-32d.

Liverpool spot sales were 15,000 bales. This was something startling for a Saturday record, and when added to yesterday's sales of 20,000, gave the cotton pessimists a decided set-back. There were also large da sales in Southern markets, and prices a saked; blid. were advanced 1-16@1-8c. Houston middling is now quoted at 7 3-16c, though nothing could be bought this afternoon for 32,100, less than 744c.

The world's visible supply of cotton is now only 3 823,000 bales, having decreased 70,000 this week. The supply is just 35 -70,000 this week. The supply of the last year, Jay, 600 bales larger than at this time last year, August and 571,000 less than on this date in 1895.

At today's session New York futures opened steady, with 7.18 bid for May. The lowest sale was at 7.17, soon after the dansked; bhid, opening, and the highest 7.27, the latter being the closing figures. August opened at 7.29, but advanced to 7.38 by the close. In New Orleans May opened with 6.00 bid, sold down to 6.98, but advanced to 7.09 by 11:05 and closed at 7.07@7.08, against 6.97ff 6.98 yesterday,

Houston expects 2500 to 2700 bales Monday, against 1384 on the same day last year. The estimate at New Orleans is for 550

I. E. Glenny & Co. of New Orleans wired bull; a sellers; v value STOCKS AT LEADING to D. B. Cherry: "Liverpool cables that the Manchester market is steady, but the actual business not equal to the production. Probation business extensive. Spinners still very short. We think spinners hold very small stocks of best merchants think favorably of colton."

Hugh F. McElroy of New Orleans writes High F McElroy of New Orleans write Mr. Parch of Havre, in his latest circula scores a very good point. He points of that at the beginning of the naw yes prices were about at the same level those now ruling. At that time, spinned those now ruling. At that time, subme were apparently convinced that the standard be fully 9,000,000, and they we also practically sure of 700,000 bales for Bombay. As far as the American crop concerned, it is now generally conceathat it will fall fully 400,000 bales belothe estimate then ruling. Bombay, owe to the plazue, will ship 200,000 bales to Europe than originally expected. Whithe great change in the prospects of subjudy considered, it is certainly remarkship by is considered, it is certainly remarkship. the great change in the prospects, Wen-the great change in the prospects of sup-ply is considered, it is certainly remarkable that prices should have remained un-changed and this comparison adds further strength to the position of the Bulls."

Secretary Hester's statement of the weekly movement at thirty-one leading interior towns was issued into morning, being as follows:

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This week	. 48,328 75,995 63,573 90,764	374.23 401.90
Thin wash 1896	44,230 71,743	410.98
This week 1895 This wook 1894		374.04

New York, February 27.—Cotton made a further substantial advance today, closing at the best prices, firm in tone, with the net advance 65:11 points, and showing sales of 111,300 bales futures as a result of the two hours' trading. The basis of today's rise is a further and more general days rise is a further and more arrectable of the phenomenal strength of position, which is the most important feature of the situation, the continued stability and activity of the Liverpool spot market, teday's sales being the largest in the Continue of the control for any Saturday of recent

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